

India, Ceylon, Borneo, Cuba, Porto Rico, and New Jersey. *Arthrotryum spongiosum* approaches *A. atrum* Berk. & Broome, a European species, in spore size, but other characters widely separate the two species.

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A PORTRAIT OF JOHN GILL LEMMON

The accompanying photograph of John Gill Lemmon was given to me by Mrs. Stacy Slipner of 3241 Broadway, Sacramento, California. Mrs. Slipner, who was born in Sierra County, California, in 1859, was a pupil of Mr. Lemmon's in the seventies. Her reminiscences regarding the Lemmon family are summarized in the following statements:



Frank Lemmon was farming in the Sierra Valley during the Civil War. After the war, his brother John, another brother (Judge William Lemmon), and a sister (Mrs. Olson) joined him in California. John had served in the Union Army; Mrs. Olson, also, had served the Union cause by working in hospitals. John had been a prisoner of the Confederates [in Andersonville] and had been subjected to severe physical and mental strain. He became the school teacher in Sierra Valley. He was a good teacher, popular with children and parents. Mrs. Lemmon was also a botanist; she was a Californian, but not from the mountains.

Mrs. Slipner's reminiscences convey an impression of a gentleness which might not be expected in the grimly bearded veteran.

The photograph, beneath which is printed the legend "J. G. Lemmon, 4th Mich. Cav.," bears on the reverse the imprint of a San Francisco photographer. It was evidently made not long after the war, but there is no definite information as to its date.—HERBERT F. COPELAND, Sacramento Junior College, Sacramento, California, January, 1939.